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SUBJ: AMCIT BASIL WAPENSKY - IMF OFFICIAL, ORDERED TO LEAVE
UGANDA

SUMMARY: ACCORDING UN SOURCES, AMCIT BASIL WAPENSKY, IMF
OFFICIAL SECONDED TO BANK OF UGANDA, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO
LEAVE UGANDA WITHIN 48 HOURS. UNDP RESREP HAS INTERCEDED
WITH GOU TO SEEK EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR DEPARTURE, BUT
RESULTS NOT YET KNOWN. REASON FOR EXPUSLION VAGUE. END
SUMMARY.

1. AT DUTCH QUEEN' S BEIRTHDAY RECEPTION MAY 2, I HEARD FROM
UNHCR REP KOMORSKY AND UNDP RESREP PRATTLELY THAT EARLIER
THAT DAY WAPENSKY HAD BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE UGANDA WITHIN
48 HOURS. HE ARRIVED LAST SUMMER TO REPLACE ITALIAN CIT
FACCIONE AS IMF OFFICIAL SECONDED TO BANK OF UGANDA TO HEAD
ITS RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. UN OFFICERS DID NOT KNOW REASON FOR
DEPORTATION ORDER BUT NOTED THAT WAPENSKY IS NOW SOLE
FOREIGNER WORKING AT BANK AND GOU MAY NOT WANT ANY
FOREIGNERS KNOWING ABOUT THEIR FINANCIAL/ BUDGETARY/ FOREIGN
EXCHANGE SITUATIONS. PRATTLELY ALSO NOTED THAT WAPENSKY HAS
BEEN ROUTINELY PREPARING REPORTS TO IMF WHICH HE (PRATTLY)
HAS BEEN DESPATCHING FOR HIM VIA UN POUCH. PRATTLELY IS
SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT GOU MAY FEEL WAPENSKY HAS BEEN
" SPYING" AND USING UN CHANNELS TO DO SO.

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WM AT RECEPTION PRATTLEY RAISED MATTER WITH BOTH ACTING FOMIN ETIANG AND BANK OF UGANDA GOVERNOR KIINGI. ETIANG PROMISED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION OF TWO WEEKS OR SO TO PERMIT WAPENSKY TO MAKE AN ORDERLY DEPARTURE. CURIOSLY ENOUGH, KIINGI CLAIMED EXPULSION ORDER WAS NEWS TO HIM, THOUGHT WAPENSKY WORKS FOR HIM. KIINGI SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET EXPULSION ORDER RESCINDED.

3. COMMENT: ETIANG MAY SUCCEED IN GETTING AN EXTENSION BUT WE DOUBT KIINGI WILL OBTAIN A REVERSAL. WAPENSKY IS AN EXTREMELY DISCREET PERSON WHO TELLS NO ONE ANYTHING, SO FAR AS WE KNOW. HE HAS GENERALLY AVOIDED CONTACT WITH OFFICIAL AMERICANS. HE HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES (EXCEPT TO ADVERTISE HIS CAR FOR SALE IN EMBASSY BULLETIN). WHEREAS FACCIONE USED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY ECON OFFICER WITH VALUABLE INFO ON FINANCIAL PICTURE, WAPENSKY HAS MADE IT OBVIOUS SINCE HE FIRST ARRIVED THAT HE WILL NOT BE SOURCE OF ANY SUCH INFO. MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR EXPULSION IS THAT GOU SECURITY TYPES LEARNED HE HAS BEEN SENDING REPORTS TO IMF AND DECIDED TO PUT A STOP TO THAT ACITIVITY.
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